

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/604,129

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 02/06/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-5, 7-11 and 26.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f):
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

0EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Nelson A. Quintero on April 17, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 6 and 25 have been canceled.

In claim 3, line 1, "1" has been changed to -9--.

In claim 5, line 1, "1" has been changed to -9--.

In claim 7, line 1, "6" has been changed to -10--.

In claim 11, line 1, "1" has been changed to -9--.

Claim 8 has been rewritten as follows:

-- The panel carrier of claim 9, wherein both sides of the plate of at least one attaching elements have a plurality of protruding edges.--

Claim 10 has been rewritten as follows:

-- The panel carrier of claim 9, wherein one side of the plate of at least one attaching element has a plurality of clamping sections for engaging with the corresponding cannellures of the interior surfaces of the box.--

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 3-5, 7-11 and 26 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. As to claim 9, the prior arts of record do not anticipate or render obvious to one skilled in the art a panel carrier comprising various elements as claimed, more specifically a plurality separate attaching elements, each attaching element comprising a plate and two opposing ends, wherein the two opposing ends of each attaching element are independently receivable into any of the corresponding cannellures on the two opposing interior lateral surfaces to partition the interior of the box into a plurality of compartments of various sizes, and at least one side of the plate comprises a plurality of protruding edges such that any pair of the neighboring protruding edges of adjacently disposed attaching elements constitutes a slot for accommodating a panel.
5. The closest references Ejima (USPAT 5,873,468), Matsuda (USPAT 6,096,808) and Iwamoto (USPAT 5,950,836) alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest the claimed panel carrier specifically the limitations such as each of the attaching element being independently receivable into any of the corresponding cannellures on the two opposing interior lateral surfaces to partition the interior of the box into a plurality of compartments of various sizes, and at least one side of the plate of the attaching element comprising a plurality of protruding edges such that any pair of the neighboring protruding edges of adjacently disposed attaching elements constitutes a slot for accommodating a panel are considered novel.

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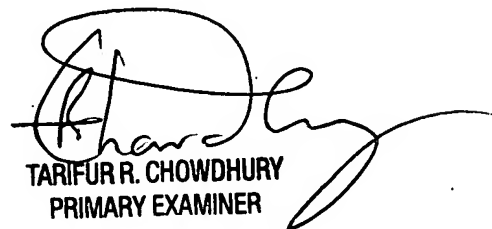
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tarifur R. Chowdhury whose telephone number is (571) 272-2287. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-5:00) Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571) 272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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